

Lewis. He was a true warrior fighting for a more just, equitable, fairer, and better world.

John Lewis earnestly believed that healthcare is a human right. Through his indefatigable leadership, he demonstrated the urgency of elevating the U.S. commitment to protect people worldwide from HIV and AIDS. He was a role model in so many respects, including his persistence in combating AIDS globally.

World AIDS Day provides us the opportunity to reflect on the AIDS epidemic and where progress has been made. This day also allows us to rededicate ourselves to eradicating the disease once and for all.

Since the first World AIDS Day in 1988, we have greatly increased our investments in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and research.

When the HIV/AIDS epidemic started, the outlook was very grim. There wasn't an understanding of the disease, antivirals were not available, and life expectancy for those diagnosed was frighteningly short.

Today, there is a better understanding of HIV/AIDS, how it spreads, and how to treat it.

There are medications such as PrEP, which is taken daily to prevent HIV, and PEP, which is taken up to 72 hours potential HIV exposure.

Treatment has advanced tremendously to the point where many HIV patients have viral loads that are so low that they are undetectable.

The U.S. government has worked hard to combat the spread of this devastating disease.

Through legislation like the Ryan White CARE Act and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), we have been able to improve HIV/AIDS education, quality of care, and distribution of resources to those who need them most, both domestically and globally.

The NIH provides the largest public investment in HIV/AIDS research globally. Dr. Anthony Fauci deserves credit for a large part of our country's AIDS response as Director of the Office of AIDS Research.

As we all know, racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS, both in the United States and globally.

In the U.S., African Americans account for higher proportions of HIV diagnoses and people living with HIV, in comparison to other races and ethnicities.

In my home of Houston, Texas, 6 out of every 10 diagnosed HIV infections are among African Americans. It is estimated that 1 in 90 Houstonians are living with HIV/AIDS.

Racism, HIV stigma, homophobia, poverty, and barriers to health care exacerbate disparities and pose obstacles that prevent people from proper testing and treatment that would reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS.

I am proud to fight against racism, discrimination, and other societal deformities that cause disparities in health status and keep people from seeking urgently needed health care.

I have worked to declare HIV/AIDS a state of emergency among our African American community, which faces an infection rate nearly eleven times that of white Americans.

Internationally, I have worked to support PEPFAR in all they have done and continue to do to help those who struggle to combat the brutal HIV/AIDS virus.

It is estimated that there are 38.4 million people worldwide living with HIV.

In 2021, 1.5 million individuals acquired HIV, which is a 32 percent decline in new infections since 2010. This decline shows the impact that access to testing, treatment, care, and support services have on transmission and new diagnosis.

In 2021, around 650,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses worldwide, compared to 2 million people in 2004 and 1.4 million in 2010.

Through the work of the CDC, the NIH, and the UN's World Health Organization, we have made great strides in reducing the transmission of HIV through antiretroviral therapies (ART) that reduce detectable viral loads. Those who take ART as prescribed are often able to have undetectable viral loads, live long healthy lives, and not transmit HIV to partners through sex.

In fiscal year 2021, PEPFAR provided HIV testing services for more than 50 million people and supported ART for nearly 19 million men, women and children globally. Because of PEPFAR, 2.8 million babies in 2021 were born HIV-free to parents living with HIV.

But there is still much work to be done.

The United Nations reports that progress on HIV treatment and prevention in the last three years has flatlined.

As a leader in the global fight against HIV and AIDS, the United States must continue to support HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and research.

My hope is that, through bipartisan support, Congress will continue to pass legislation that expands resources to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS both in the U.S. and globally.

Beyond our borders, our efforts have extended care to millions in the developing world, through increased resources for PEPFAR and the Global Fund. This collective progress reflects the heights that can be reached when all stakeholders work together to achieve common goals.

I look forward to working with my colleagues, federal agencies, foundations and philanthropists, the NGO sector, community partners, and other global leaders to put an end to this epidemic that continues to plague us.

I want to thank everyone here today for supporting this extremely important issue. This is something that impacts us all and it should be a priority for all of us.

And again, I want to thank NMAC for awarding me with this year's John Lewis Good Trouble Award. I will do my best to continually earn this award by persistently supporting efforts to eradicate HIV/AIDS and advocating for minorities in Houston, the United States, and across the globe.

May we all "never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble".

**HONORING ART HAINS, THE VOICE  
OF THE MISSOURI STATE BEARS  
FOOTBALL TEAM**

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 1, 2022*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the long-time voice of the Missouri State Bears, Art Hains.

Art grew up in Marshall, MO, working at the local radio station KMMO while still in high school. He went on to graduate from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, studying broadcast journalism and working in the SMU sports information office from 1973 to 1976. After graduation he moved to Springfield, MO, working as the sports director and serving as the voice of the Southwest Missouri State Bears football and basketball teams for KGBX until 1981. He moved back to Dallas working for KRLD and hosting a daily sports show while also providing pre- and post-game coverage of the Dallas Cowboys. He also called SMU basketball games and was a studio host for the Southwest Conference Football Radio Network from 1982 to 1984.

He returned to Springfield in 1985 and was again the voice of the Southwest Missouri State Bears football, basketball, and baseball teams as well as the coordinator of athletic promotions at Southwest Missouri State University. He has continued to be the voice of the Bears ever since, even after the university changed its name to Missouri State University in 2005. He has hosted Sports Talk since 1995, originally on KWTO in Springfield before he switched to KBFL in 2020. In 2008, he started as the studio host for the Kansas City Chiefs and was a part of their 2020 Super Bowl win. He was inducted into the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

Apart from his on-air work, Art has been active in the Springfield community. He is an ordained elder at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, serves on the boards for Springfield Little Theater and the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame. He is also an active member of the Southeast Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow, the Free Masons and Shriners. He previously served on the board of the Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield and still volunteers his time at Care Animal Shelter.

Madam Speaker, since moving to Springfield Art Hains has been actively involved in the local community and has been known for nearly four decades as the voice of the Missouri State Bears. His lifetime of work and service to the community is commendable.

IN MEMORY OF LUCIUS  
HOLLOWAY, SR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 1, 2022*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a loving husband, dedicated father, distinguished Army Veteran, determined Civil Rights Advocate, faithful public servant, a benevolent man of God and my friend of longstanding, Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. Sadly, Deacon Holloway transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, November 24, 2022. His life will be celebrated on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Cooper Carver Elementary School in Dawson, Georgia.

The remarkable journey of Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. began on April 1, 1932, as he was born to the union of Mr. Bobby Holloway, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Louise Thornton Holloway in Dawson, Georgia.